

## **EPA Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, as amended by the Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development Act of 2018, was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants. and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

## **Assessment Grants**

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Houston for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct eight Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare three cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct three Phase I and two Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans. Grant funds of both types also will be used to inventory brownfield sites, conduct area-wide planning activities, and support outreach to the community. Assessment activities will focus on Houston's Fifth Ward.

## Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

EPA Region 6 Brownfields Team (214) 665-8358 EPA Region 6 Brownfields Web site (https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/epa-region-6-south-central-brownfields)

Grant Recipient: City of Houston, TX (832) 394-9005

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